

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) Thermoplastic compositions comprising:

- 40 to 97 ~~parts~~ percent by weight of a thermoplastic polymer (M) forming a matrix, the thermoplastic polymer (M) being selected from the group consisting of fluoro polymers, polycarbonate, styrene resins, PMMA, thermoplastic polyurethanes (TPU), copolymers containing polyester blocks and polyether blocks, polycarbonate-polyester alloys, polyketones, PVC and ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymers (EVOH),

- 60 to 3 ~~parts~~ percent by weight of (B) comprising:

either an ethylene-alkyl (meth)acrylate copolymer (B1), the alkyl having at least 8 carbon atoms, which copolymer (B1) further carries a functional group selected from the group consisting of carboxylic acids, carboxylic acid derivatives other than the ester functional group of the acrylate portion of the copolymer (B1), acid chlorides, isocyanates, oxazolines, epoxides, amines and hydroxides,

or a blend of an ethylene-alkyl (meth)acrylate copolymer (B2), the alkyl having at least 8 carbon atoms, which copolymer (B2) does not carry a functional group selected from the group consisting of carboxylic acids, carboxylic acid derivatives other than the ester functional group of the acrylate portion of the copolymer (B2), acid chlorides, isocyanates, oxazolines, epoxides, amines and hydroxides, and of an impact modifier which carries a functional group selected from the group consisting of carboxylic acids and their derivatives, acid chlorides, isocyanates, oxazolines, epoxides, amines and hydroxides;

wherein the percentages by weight of (M) and (B) are based on the total weight of each composition.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Previously Amended) Compositions according to Claim 1, wherein the alkyl of the alkyl(meth)acrylate of (B1) and (B2) has from 8 to 20 carbon atoms.

Claim 4 (Previously Amended) Compositions according to Claim 1 wherein the impact modifier is an ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/maleic anhydride copolymer.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) Compositions according to Claim 1, wherein the compositions each comprise from 5 to 35 percent by weight proportion of (B) is from 5 to 35 parts per and 95 to 65 parts percent by weight of (M), the percentages by weight of (B) and (M) being based on the total weight of each composition.

Claims 6-11 (Cancelled)

Claim 12 (Previously Added) Compositions according to Claim 3, wherein acrylate is 2-ethylhexyl acrylate.

Claim 13 (Previously Added) Compositions according to Claim 5, wherein the compositions each comprise from 15 to 25 percent by weight proportion of (B) and is from 15 to 25 parts per from 85 to 75 parts percent by weight of (M), the percentages by weight of (B) and (M) being based on the total weight of each composition.

Claim 14 (Cancelled)

Claim 15 (Previously Added) Compositions according to Claim 3, wherein the alkyl (meth)acrylate of (B1) and (B2) is 2-ethylhexyl acrylate.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): Thermoplastic compositions comprising by weight:

- 75 to 85 % of a thermoplastic polymer (M) forming a matrix, the thermoplastic polymer (M) being a polyamide or a polyamide block copolymer, and

- 25 to 15 % of (B) comprising:

- either an ethylene-2-ethylhexyl (meth)acrylate copolymer (B1) further carrying a functional group selected from the group consisting of (i) carboxylic acid derivatives other than the ester functional group of the acrylate portion of the copolymer (B1), the carboxylic acid derivatives being selected from the group consisting of anhydrides, amides and imides of carboxylic acids, (ii) acid chlorides, (iii) isocyanates, (iv) oxazolines, (v) epoxides, (vi) amines and (vii) hydroxides,

- or a blend of an ethylene-2-ethylhexyl (meth)acrylate copolymer (B2) which does not carry a functional group selected from the group consisting of (i) carboxylic acid derivatives other than the ester functional group of the acrylate portion of the copolymer (B2), the carboxylic acid derivatives being selected from the group consisting of anhydrides, amides and imides of carboxylic acids, (ii) acid chlorides, (iii) isocyanates, (iv) oxazolines, (v) epoxides, (vi) amines and (vii) hydroxides, and of an impact modifier which carries a functional group selected from the group consisting of (i) carboxylic acid derivatives other than the ester functional group of the acrylate portion of the copolymer (B2), the carboxylic acid derivatives being selected from the group consisting of anhydrides, amides and imides of carboxylic acids, (ii) acid chlorides, (iii) isocyanates, (iv) oxazolines, (v) epoxides, (vi) amines and (vii) hydroxides;

the percentages of (M) and (B) being based on the total weight of each composition.

Claim 17 (Previously Added): Compositions according to claim 16, wherein the functional group carried by the ethylene-2-ethylhexyl (meth)acrylate copolymer (B1) is maleic anhydride.